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SUBJECT: GROUP OF FIVE MEETING ON SEABEDS, AUGUST 22, 1973.

1. GROUP OF FIVE (US, UK, USSR, FRANCE AND JAPAN)
MEETING ON SEABEDS WAS HELD AT US MISSION AUGUST 22 OT
DISCUSS INTERSESSIONAL PLANS FOR DRAFTING RULES AND
REGULATIONS FOR DEEP SEA MINING. MEETING WAS ATTENDED
BY REPS OF INTERIOR, STATE, COMMERCE, DEFENSE AND
TREASURY.

2. PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED TIMETABLE FOR GROUP OF FIVE
DRAFTING AND APPROVAL OF RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR
INTERNATIONAL REGIME AND MACHINERY WAS AGREED AS
FOLLOWS: OCTOBER 15 - DEADLINE FOR SEPARATE COUNTRY
INPUTS OF U.S. (LEIGH RATINER); NOVEMBER 15 - DEADLINE
FOR U.S. SUBMITTING FIRST DRAFT TO GROUP; LATE DECEMBER -
GROUP TO HOLD MEETING OF EXPERTS TO DISCUSS DRAFT.

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3. U.S. REP (RATINER) REPORTED ON CONVERSATION WITH W.G.

CHAIRMAN PINTO OF SRI LANKA TO EFFECT THAT PINTO HOPED TO PREPARE IN COORDINATION WITH INDONESIA, INDIA AND IRAQ DRAFT RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT WOULD BE OF NON-CONTROVERSIAL NATURE AND APPLY EQUALLY TO ENTERPRISE OR LICENSING SYSTEM. GROUP OF FIVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SEEING PINTO'S DRAFT AND ASKED U.S. TO CIRCULATE IT IF COPY WAS RECEIVED.

4. IN DISCUSSING GENERAL FORMAT OF GROUP OF FIVE PROJECT, U.K. STRONGLY URGED THAT REGULATIONS BE AS NEUTRAL AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO PROMOTE THEIR ACCEPTABILITY. GROUP AGREED THAT REGULATIONS SHOULD NOT BE AS DETAILED AS THOSE IN U.S. DRAFT SEABED TREATY. FOLLOWING U.S. EXPLANATION OF MANNER IN WHICH REGULATIONS COULD BE DRAFTED WHICH WERE APPLICABLE TO ALL PROPOSED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, ALL MEMBERS OF GROUP AGREED THAT THIS WAS WISEST PROCEDURE, SINCE ULTIMATE SYSTEM WAS YET TO BE DECIDED. THERE WAS CONSENSUS THAT IF SITUATION ARISES WHERE GROUP MUST DECIDE BETWEEN PROVISION IN REGULATIONS THAT IS MORE ATTRACTIVE FOR LICENSING SYSTEM AND PROVISION IN THAT WOULD BE MORE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL NATIONS, LATTER PROVISION SHOULD BE INCLUDED.

5. MEETING CONCLUDED WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT U.S. WOULD CONTACT OTHER MEMBERS, KEEPING THEM APPRISED OF PROGRESS ON PROJECT.BASSIN

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